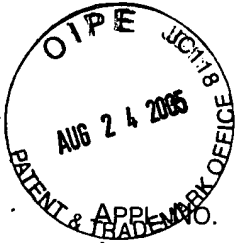


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the February 24, 2005 non-final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants file concurrently herewith a petition for a three (3) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, these documents are due on or before August 24, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$510.00 for a three month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) as well as any other fees due with this submission and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3431, Ref. No. 350957-007.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.